

MINUTES

UTAH Optometrist Licensing Board MEETING

May 4, 2011

**Room 475 – 4th Floor – 9:00 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 10:20

Bureau Manager:

Clyde Ormond

Board Secretary:

Yvonne King

Board Members Present:

Jeffrey H Seeholzer, OD - Chairperson
Russell W Purdy, OD
Scott Peterson, OD
Wendy D Gibbs
Dee Zarkos

Board Members Absent:

Michael L Cohen, OD
Lanny DuClous, OD

Guests:

Clive Watson, UOA

DOPL Staff Present:

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of the February 9, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dr. Purdy seconded by Dr. Petersen made a motion to approve the February 9, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ARBO 2011 Annual Meeting

Mr. Ormond reviewed the items that will be put in the gift bag for the ARBO Annual Meeting Which will include Stevens cocoa, salt water taffy, a CD from the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and sea salt from the Great Salt Lake.

Mr. Ormond also stated he would have some of his staff

present at the meeting to assist in registration etc.

Mr. Ormond also reviewed the annual report which will be provided at the Annual Conference.

Dr. Seeholzer requested ideas of what he should talk about at the conference. Mr. Ormond suggested speaking about what DOPL has accomplished in the past few years such as the Controlled Substance Data Base, etc. and the annual report.

Board Certification

The Board discussed Board certification and determined at this time is voluntary and is not required unless there are changes in the statute.

Dr. Seeholzer expressed concern that Board certification is being represented as a public safety issue which Dr. Seeholzer explained has nothing to do with public safety but is politically driven.

Mr. Ormond stated that when an individual is licensed with the State of Utah that individual has met the criteria for Utah.

Board certification would impact licensing if it was added as an option to continuing education or licensure by endorsement. The Board determined that if malpractice insurance required Board certification. it will be a whole new ball game.

NBEO Exam Sites

In our previous Board meeting, the Board expressed concern on NBEO exam sites for the Clinical Skill Examination having test sites only located back East which would make it difficult for those students in the Western States.

Mr. Watson provided a report of the tests sites for clinical skills exam. It was of the Boards opinion that this should be video taped and offered at sites every where

HB243

Mr. Ormond reviewed HB 243 where Board members could serve up to six months after their expiration date to insure continuity with the Board.

Mr. Ormond also explained that there is now fine authority for individuals working with out a license or employers hiring an individual without a license which would be sited up to \$1,000.00 fine for the first offense.

SB 128 Jared Memet

Jared Memet with investigations attended the Board to provide clarity to SB 128 concerning Latisse. Mr. Memet stated that SB 128 is exempted under the provision of the prescribing practitioner which would allow an Optometrist to

get involved in the cosmetic drug arena. The new bill allows the Division to inspect offices to determine if the practitioner is in compliance. Mr. Memet also explained that inventories would need to be maintained. The Board suggested inviting Mr. Memet to an Association Board Meeting to address the audit that should be attained by the Division to clear up a lot of confusion and to post this on the Web as well. Mr. Ormond stated that he would try to get a condensed version of the Rule on the Web in the next few weeks.

CORRESPONDENCE

Superior Vision
ACOE Winter Meeting Report

Superior Vision was reviewed with no action taken.
ACOE Winter Meeting Report was reviewed with no action taken.

ACOE Proposed Changes
MWCO Annual Congress

ACOE Proposed Changes was reviewed with no action taken
MWCO Annual Congress was review with no action taken.

ADJOURN:

10:17 a.m.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

February 8, 2012
Date Approved

(ss) Jeffrey H Seeholzer, OD
Chairperson, Optometrist Licensing Board

February 8, 2012
Date Approved

(ss) Clyde Ormond
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional
Licensing
